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THE HEDGEHOG



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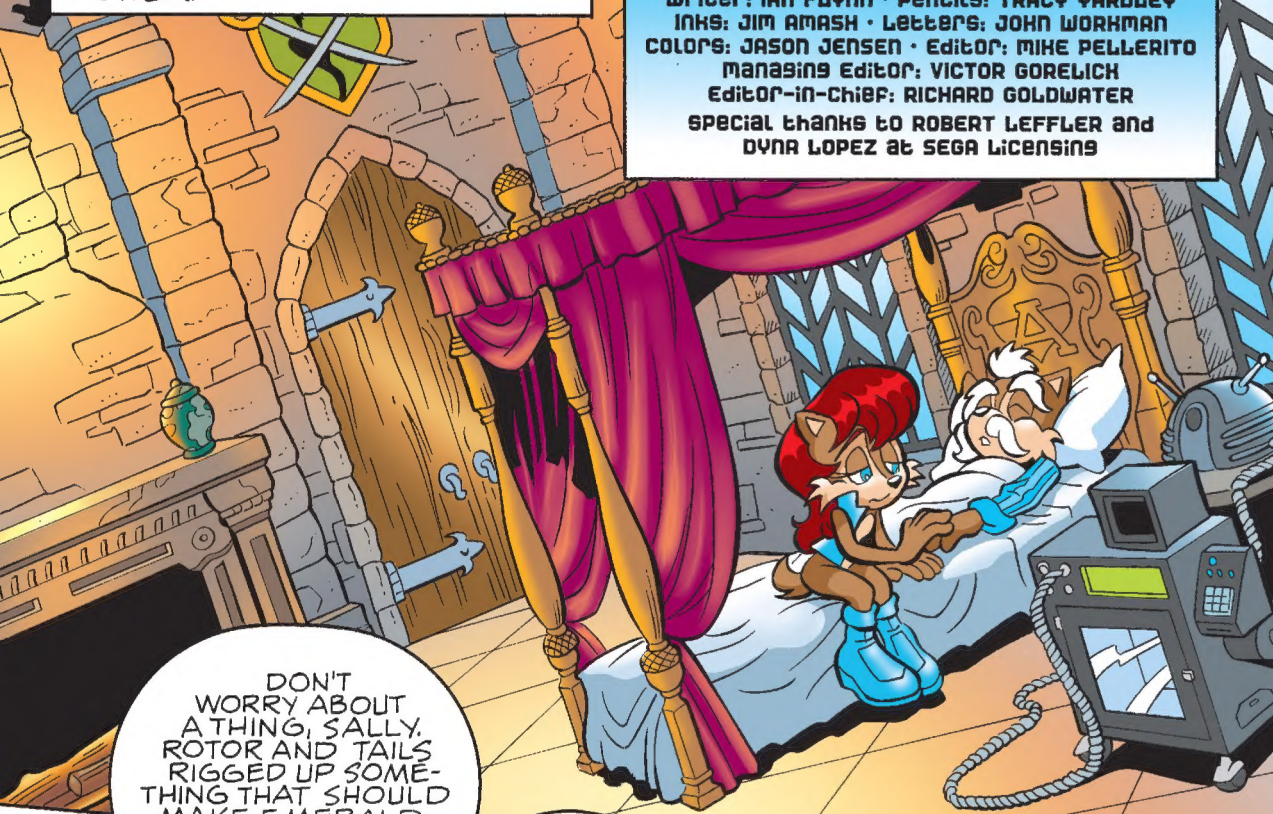


Tracy
Kadley!
Jim
Amash '06!
SABEN

MY FATHER HAS LOST SO MUCH DURING HIS LIFE. HIS KINGDOM, HIS FAMILY, AND NOW HE CAN'T EVEN WAKE UP... AFTER WE'VE SEEN SO MUCH LOSS, I CAN'T JUST LET HIM GO. DOCTOR QUACK SAYS THE MACHINE HE AND SIR CHARLES BUILT MIGHT BRING DAD OUT OF HIS COMA... BUT IT WOULD NEED A CHAOS EMERALD TO GIVE IT ENOUGH POWER.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

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DON'T WORRY ABOUT A THING, SALLY. ROTOR AND TAILS RIGGED UP SOMETHING THAT SHOULD MAKE EMERALD-GRABBING A WALK IN THE PARK. OR RUN, IN MY CASE.

IN THEORY, AT LEAST. BUT WE WON'T LET YOU DOWN.



I KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE MISSING YOUR FAMILY... AND NOT ABLE TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT.

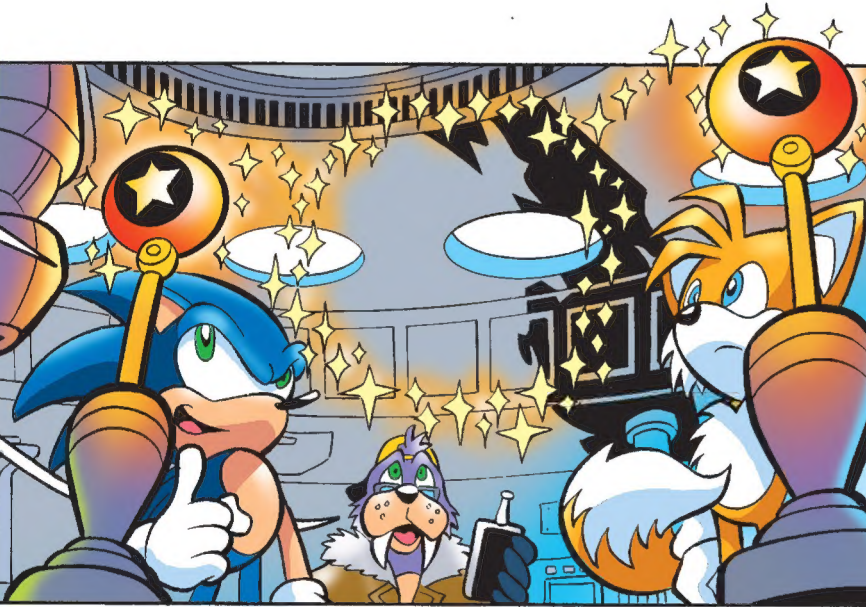


LATER, AT THE BRAIN TRUST LAB...

SO YOU'RE SURE THESE STAR POSTS WILL GET US WHERE WE NEED TO BE, ROTOR?

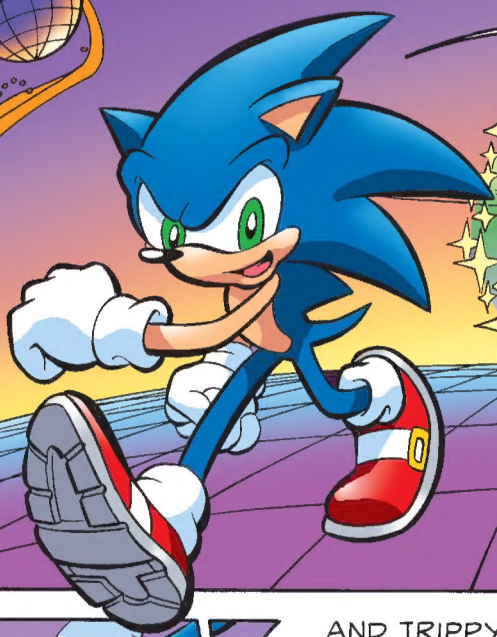
AS SURE AS I CAN BE, SONIC.

THAT WORKS FOR ME, LET'S GO, TAILS!



OKAY, SO... A BAJILLION CHAOS EMERALDS GET SEALED IN THIS ZONE.* AND IT'S STILL AS CRAZY AS EVER.

IT'S A LOT MORE COLORFUL THAN BEFORE...

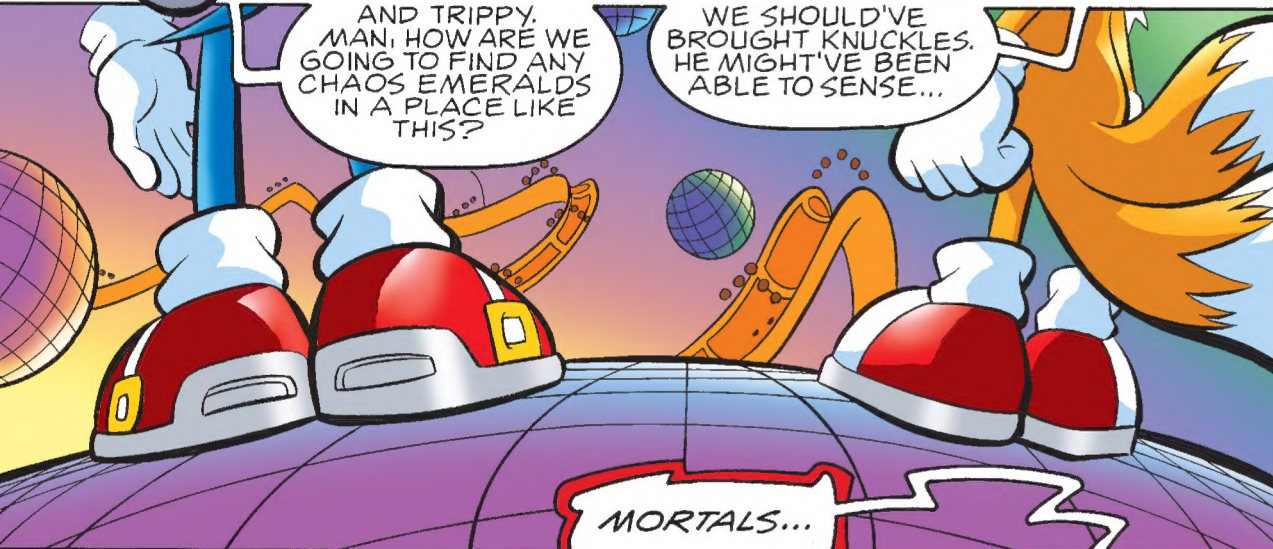


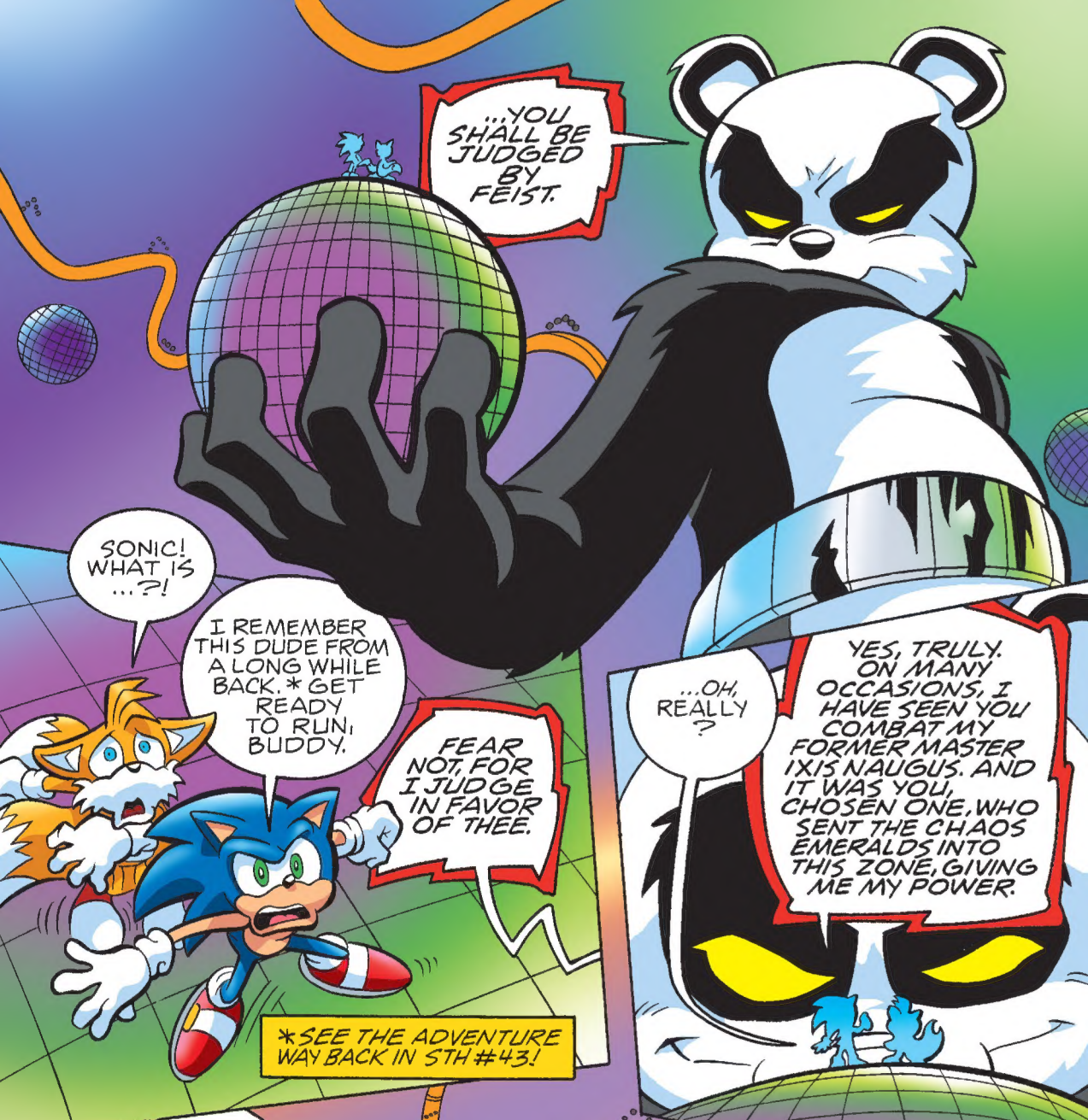
*ZONE (Z'OWN)'n. A POCKET DIMENSION.

AND TRIPPY. MAN; HOW ARE WE GOING TO FIND ANY CHAOS EMERALDS IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?

WE SHOULD'VE BROUGHT KNUCKLES. HE MIGHT'VE BEEN ABLE TO SENSE...

MORTALS...





...YOU SHALL BE JUDGED BY FEIST.

SONIC! WHAT IS ...?!

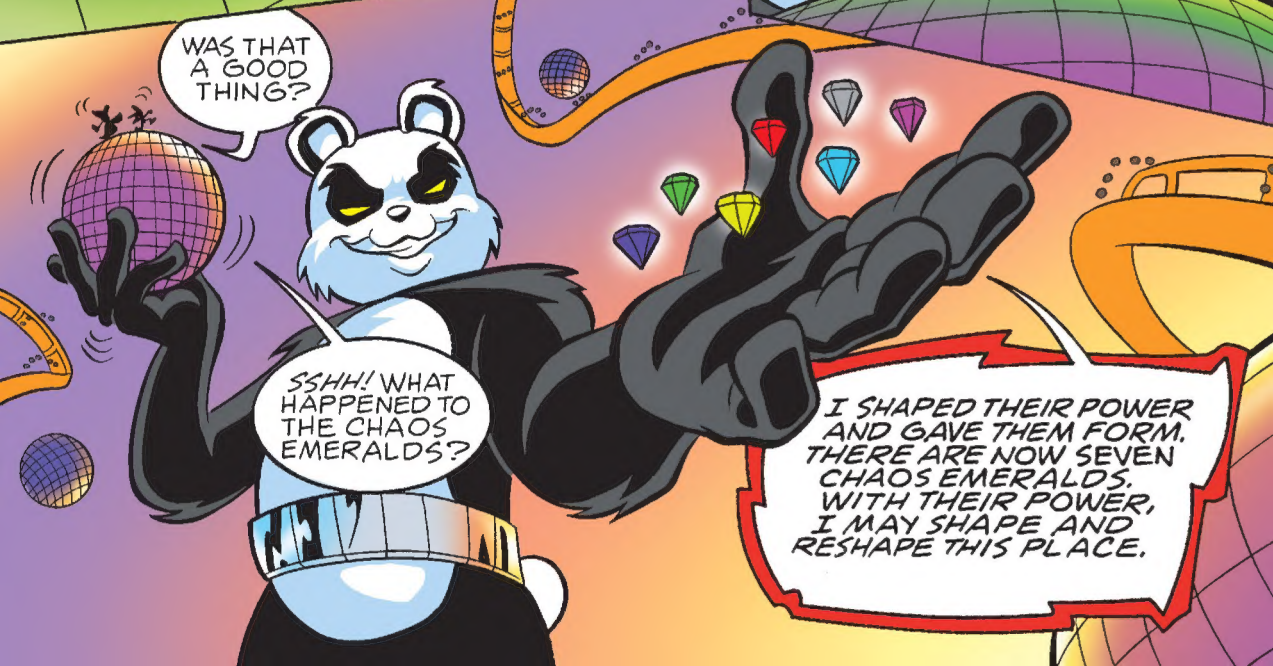
I REMEMBER THIS DUDE FROM A LONG WHILE BACK. *GET READY TO RUN, BUDDY.

FEAR NOT, FOR I JUDGE IN FAVOR OF THEE.

...OH, REALLY?

YES, TRULY. ON MANY OCCASIONS, I HAVE SEEN YOU COMBAT MY FORMER MASTER IXIS NAUGUS. AND IT WAS YOU, CHOSEN ONE, WHO SENT THE CHAOS EMERALDS INTO THIS ZONE, GIVING ME MY POWER.

*SEE THE ADVENTURE WAY BACK IN STH #43!



WAS THAT A GOOD THING?

SSHH! WHAT HAPPENED TO THE CHAOS EMERALDS?

I SHAPED THEIR POWER AND GAVE THEM FORM. THERE ARE NOW SEVEN CHAOS EMERALDS. WITH THEIR POWER, I MAY SHAPE AND RESHAPE THIS PLACE.

YEAH, OKAY...
SO...CAN WE
HAVE ONE?

WHAT?

THE KING--

FORMER
KING.

RIGHT--HE'S
REALLY SICK.
AND WE THINK
WE CAN USE A
CHAOS EMERALD
TO HELP HIM
HEAL.

MISTER
FEIST, SIR...
WE NEED
A CHAOS
EMERALD.

FOR YOUR PAST
EFFORTS, I SHALL
GRANT YOU THIS
FAVOR.

SWEET!

THANK
YOU!

KNOW
THIS--

I SHALL NOT GRANT ANOTHER
CHAOS EMERALD SO EASILY. NEXT
TIME, YOU WILL BE CHALLENGED
AS I SEE FIT...

RIGHT,
GOT IT.

MOVE IT,
TAILS.

THANKS
AGAIN!

YOU'RE BACK
ALREADY? WHO
WERE YOU
TALKING TO
IN TH--

CLOSE THE PORTAL!
CLOSE THE PORTAL!

SHORTLY AFTER, AT CASTLE ACORN...

ARE YOU CERTAIN THIS WILL WORK, DOCTOR QUACK?

LADY ALICIA, YOU'RE JUST GOING TO HAVE TO TRUST ME.

HOW'S THE FOCUSING CHAMBER?

BETWEEN MY PLANS, SIR CHARLES' EXPERIENCE WITH STRANGE MECHANICAL/MEDICAL MEANS, AND YOUNG PROWER'S GENIUS, THIS SHOULD GO FINE.

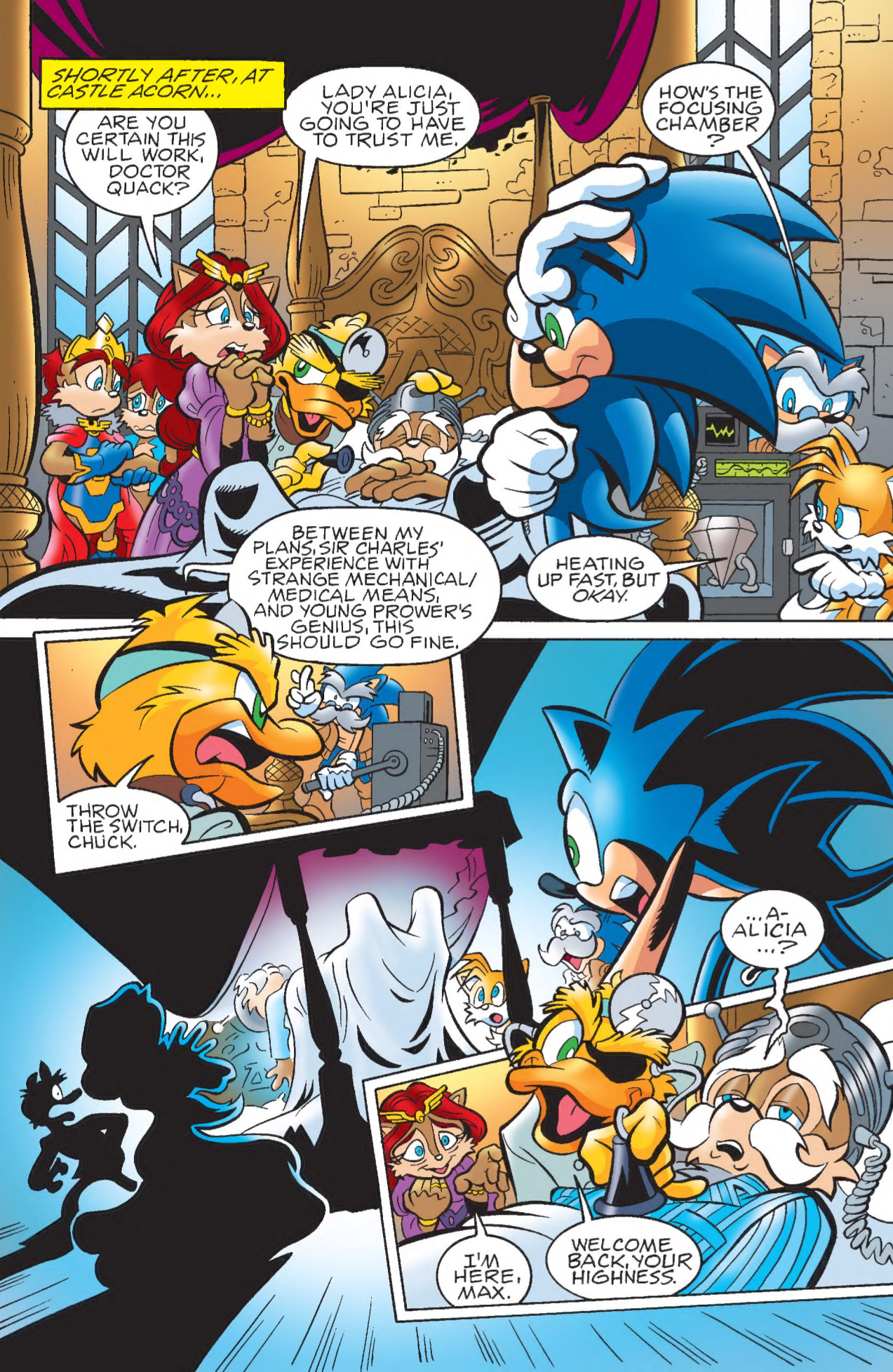
HEATING UP FAST, BUT OKAY.

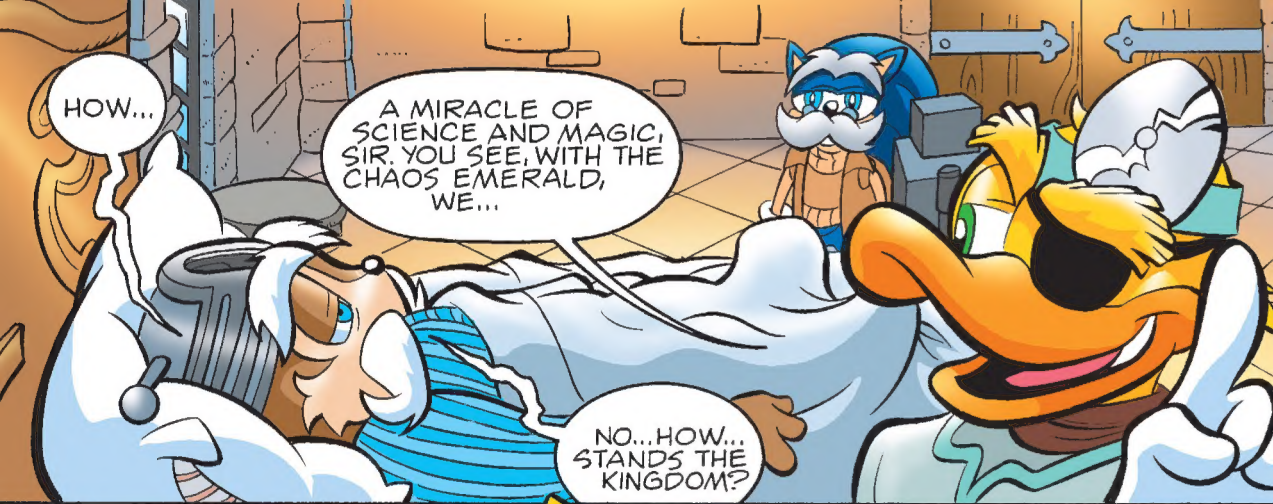
THROW THE SWITCH, CHUCK.

...A-LICIA ...?

I'M HERE, MAX.

WELCOME BACK, YOUR HIGHNESS.

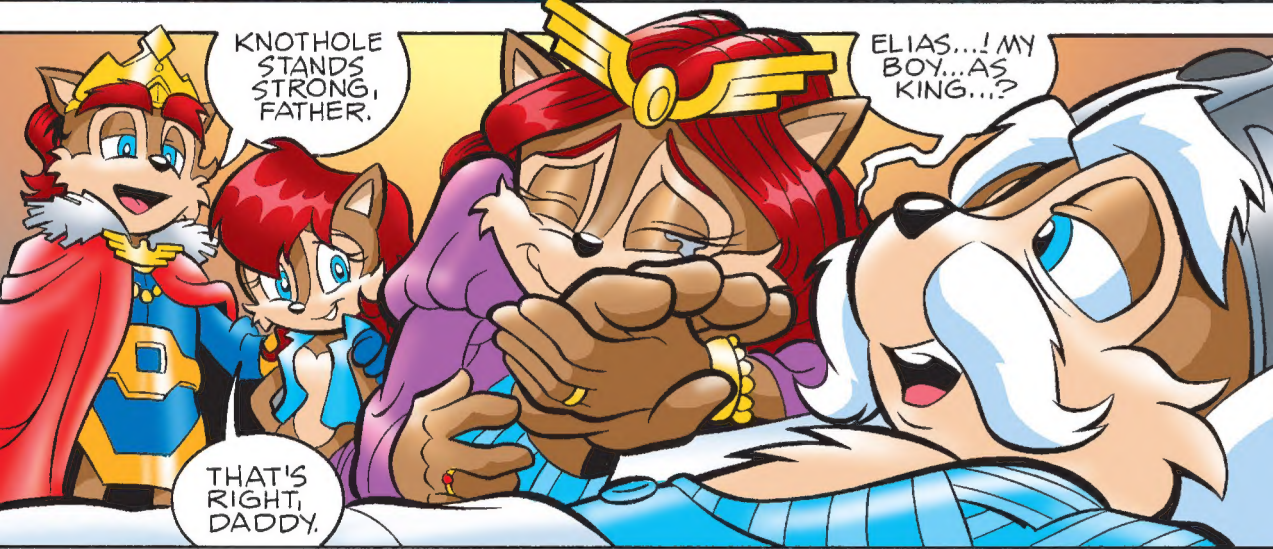




HOW...

A MIRACLE OF SCIENCE AND MAGIC, SIR, YOU SEE, WITH THE CHAOS EMERALD, WE...

NO...HOW... STANDS THE KINGDOM?



KNOTHOLE STANDS STRONG, FATHER.

ELIAS...! MY BOY...AS KING...?

THAT'S RIGHT, DADDY.



AND YOU, MY LITTLE BEAN?

I...I'M WITH FREEDOM HQ NOW.

WHERE?

OUR OLD, RENOVATED HEADQUARTERS. IT'S WHERE WE'RE FIGHTING FROM NOW.



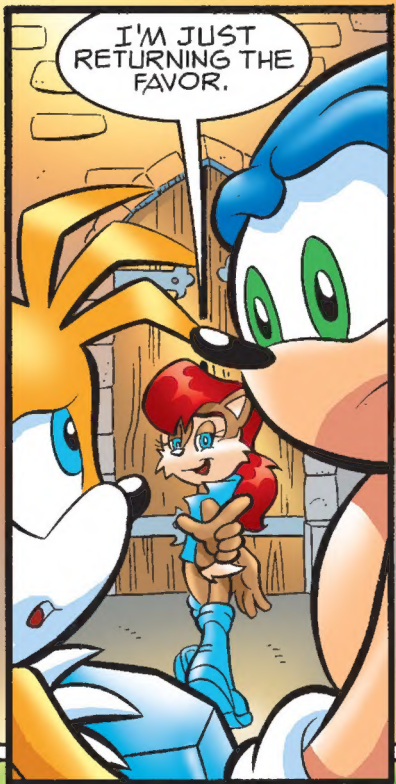
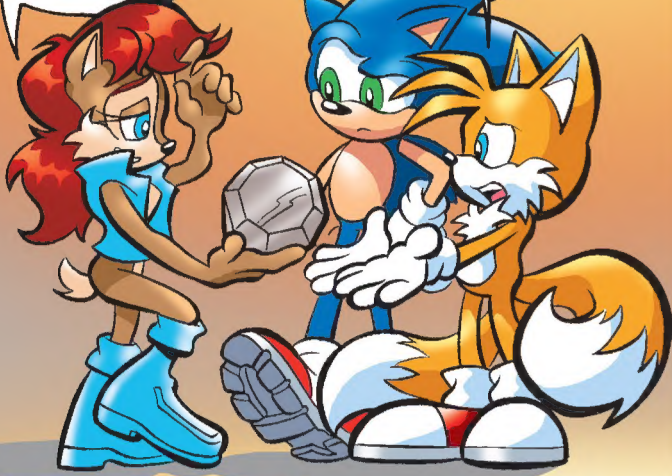
THAT WAS SOME NICE WORK BACK THERE, BUD.

THANKS, SONIC. YOU, TOO.

HOLD ON!

I'M SORRY, GUYS! I NEARLY FORGOT...YOUR UNCLE WANTED YOU TO BRING THIS, ONCE WE WERE DONE WITH IT, TAILS.

UNCLE MERLIN?
BUT WHY?

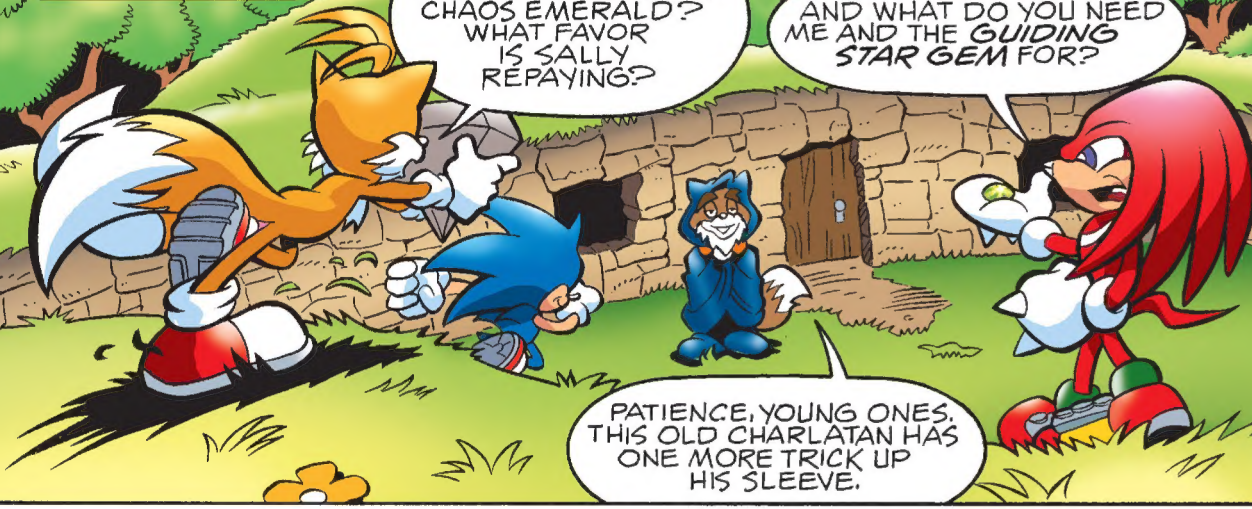


I'M JUST RETURNING THE FAVOR.

SOON, AT FREEDOM HQ...

UNCLE MERLIN!
WHY DO WE NEED THE CHAOS EMERALD?
WHAT FAVOR IS SALLY REPAYING?

AND WHAT DO YOU NEED ME AND THE GUIDING STAR GEM FOR?



PATIENCE, YOUNG ONES. THIS OLD CHARLATAN HAS ONE MORE TRICK UP HIS SLEEVE.

NAMELY, I'M GOING TO MAKE TAILS' PARENTS REAPPEAR.

MOM AND DAD ARE COMING BACK?!

ALL WE NEED IS SOMETHING TO OPEN A PATH TO THE RING WORLD OF ARGENTUM AND SOMETHING TO POWER SUCH AN INCREDIBLE JOURNEY.

HEY, THE GUIDING STAR GEM MAKES PORTALS TO DISTANT LANDS. SO... OH, WAIT, I GET IT.



KNUCKLES, GUIDE THE ENERGIES FOR US. TAILS, REACH OUT WITH YOUR HEART AND FIND THEM. I WILL HELP KEEP US INTACT. SONIC... HOLD ON TO SOMETHING.

YEAH, YEAH, WISH I KNEW WHERE MY GIRL FIONA WAS, SHE MIGHT'VE ENJOYED THIS.

FWASH!

FWASH!

HOLY--THIS IS NOT HOW I LEFT THIS PLACE!*

WHAT HAPPENED HERE?

...OH, NO...

*SONIC WAS LAST ON ARGENTINA IN 5TH # 129.

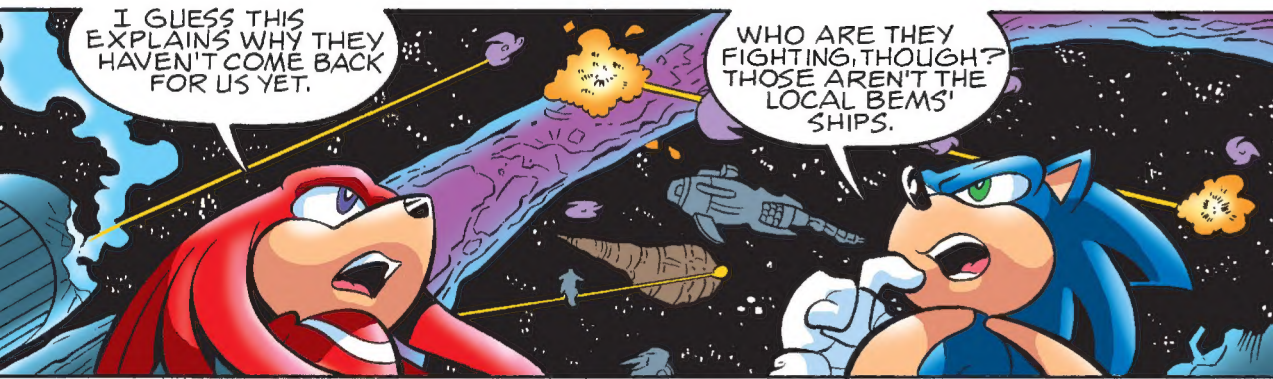
MOM!!! DAD!!!

TAILS! WAIT!

OOOH SNAP KNUCKLES, DO YOU RECOGNIZE THOSE SPACESHIPS?

THE XORDA. **

**ALIENS THAT TRIED TO DESTROY MOBIUS-- TWICE!



I GUESS THIS EXPLAINS WHY THEY HAVEN'T COME BACK FOR US YET.

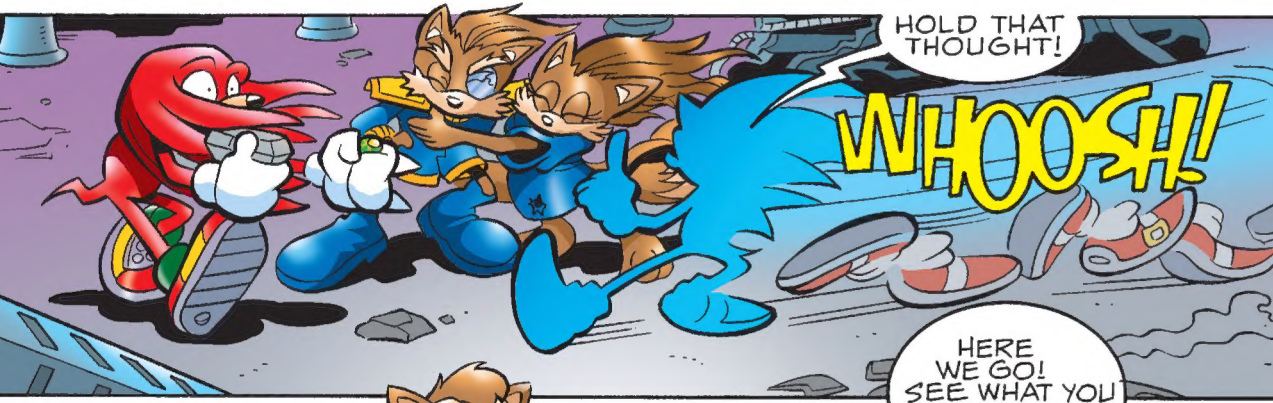
WHO ARE THEY FIGHTING, THOUGH? THOSE AREN'T THE LOCAL BEMS' SHIPS.



THEY'RE THE BLACK ARMS, AND THEY ARE JUST AS BAD AS THE XORDA. THEY STARTED FIGHTING MONTHS AGO, AND IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THEY'LL EVER STOP.

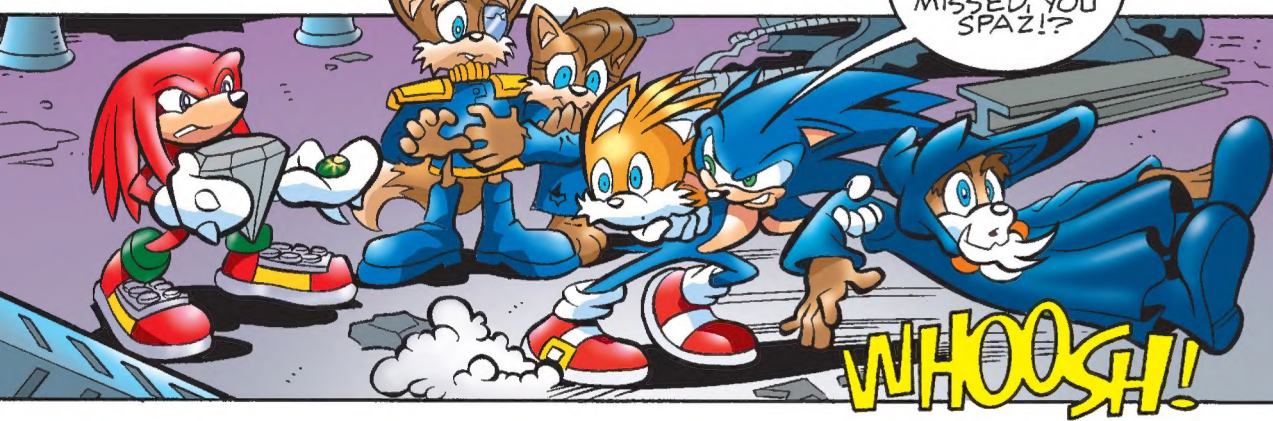
HELLO, SONIC. WELCOME BACK TO WHAT'S LEFT OF THE RING-WORLD.

THE PROWERS!



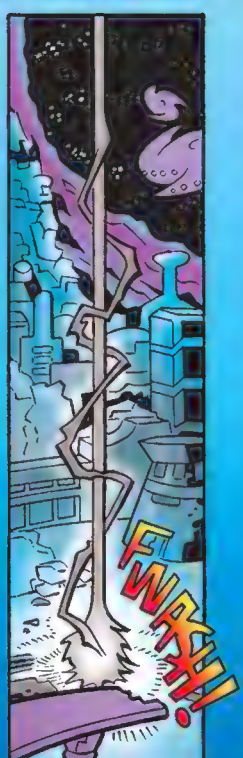
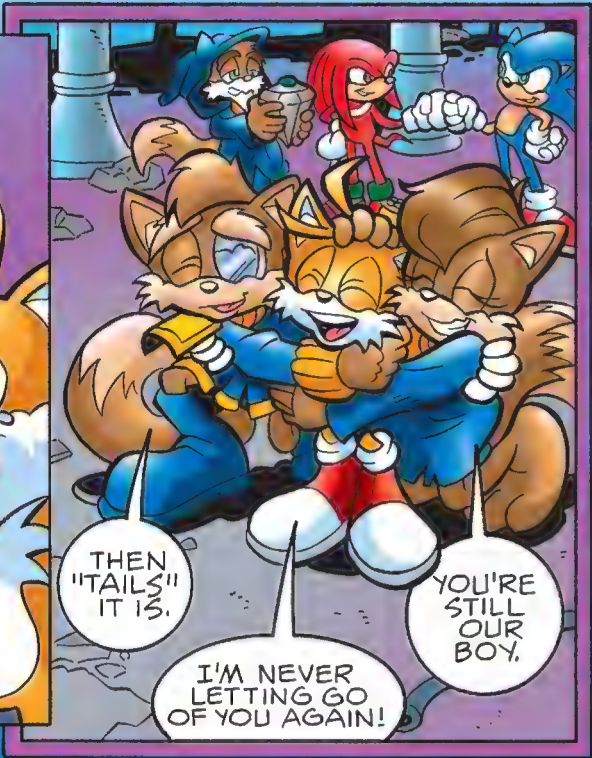
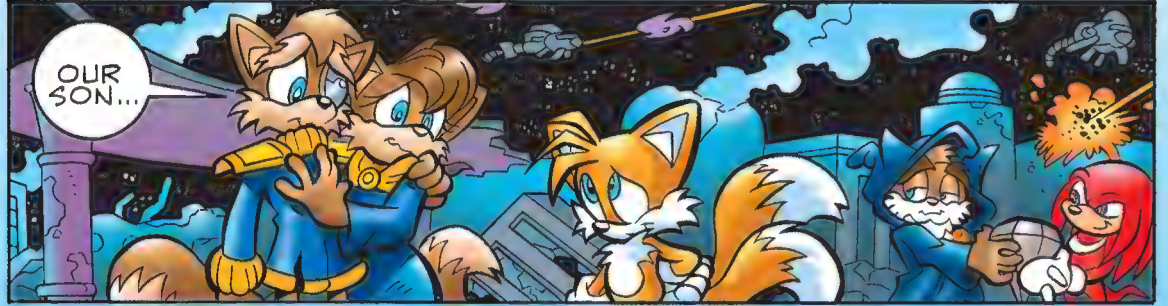
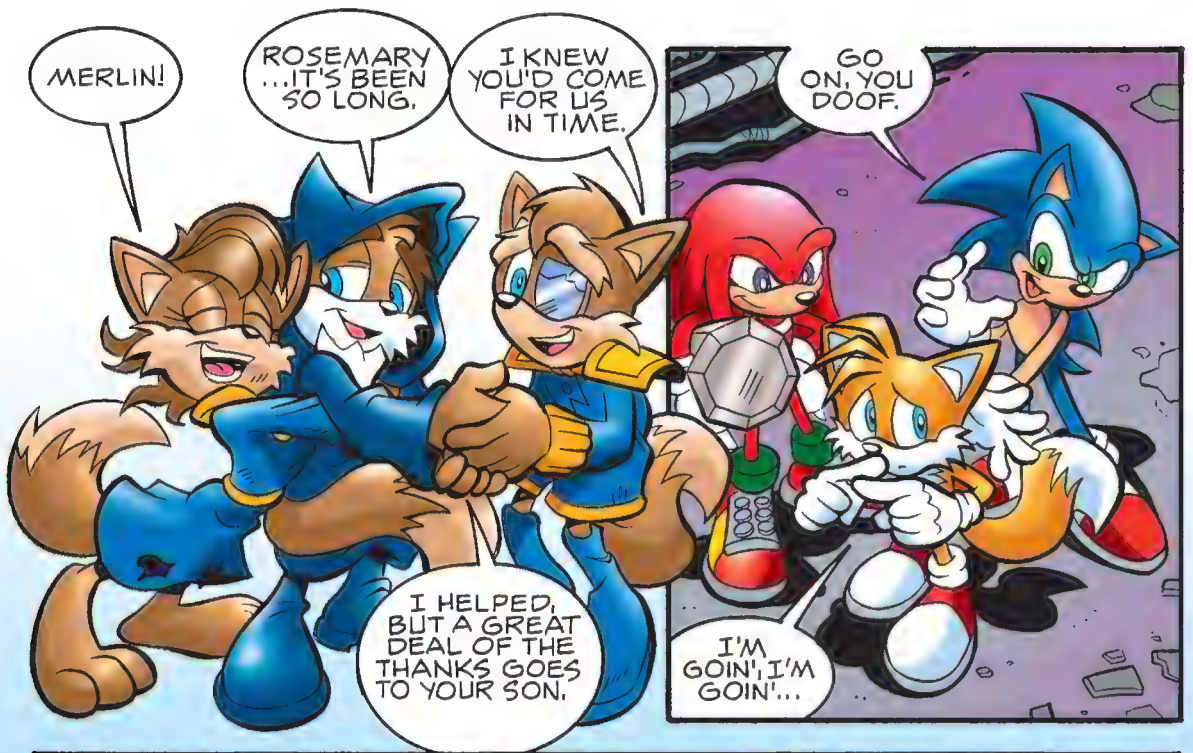
HOLD THAT THOUGHT!

WHOOOSH!!



HERE WE GO! SEE WHAT YOU MISSED, YOU SPAZ!?

WHOOOSH!!



LATER... AT
CASTLE
ACORN...

GENERAL
AND LADY PROWER!
ON BEHALF OF THE
KINGDOM OF
KNOTHOLE, I
WELCOME YOU
HOME!

THE
PLEASURE IS
OURS, YOUR
MAJESTY.

SO MUCH
HAS CHANGED
SINCE ROSEMARY
AND I WERE
RESCUED BY
THE BEM.

I WILL
UNDERSTAND
IF IT TAKES YOU
AND YOUR WIFE
SOME TIME TO
GET ADJUSTED,
GENERAL
AMADEUS.

THANK
YOU, SIRE,
BUT I
DOUBT IT
WILL TAKE
LONG.

WE'RE VERY
ENCOURAGED
TO FIND KNOT-
HOLE HAS GROWN
TO BE SUCH A
PROSPEROUS PLACE.
AND THAT YOU
HAVE BECOME
KING.

YOU DON'T
KNOW HOW HAPPY
I AM TO HEAR SUCH
PRAISE. WILL YOU
CONSIDER JOINING
MY COURT OF ACORN
AND BUILD AN
EVER-BETTER
KNOTHOLE?

THERE'S NO
NEED TO CONSIDER,
SIRE. I DEFINITELY
WANT TO BE PART OF
KNOTHOLE'S
FUTURE.

OUR TIME ABROAD
HAS EXPOSED ME TO
MANY NEW AND
WONDERFUL IDEAS.
I HOPE TO SHARE
THEM WITH THE
KINGDOM SOON.

MEANWHILE
--THE
KNOTHOLE
CEMETERY.

TOMMY
TURTLE

SIR
CONNERY

THERE
YOU ARE. I'VE
BEEN LOOKING
FOR YOU ALL DAY,
GIRL.

SORRY
TO DISAPPOINT,
TRUE BLUE.

AH, WELL,
IT'S WHAT I'VE
COME TO
EXPECT FROM
YOU, RAD
RED.

STILL
HAVEN'T
SEEN
FIONA?*

NOPE.

I CAN SEE
WHY THIS IS
A TERRIBLE
SPOT FOR
A DATE.

OH, YEAH? SEEMS
RIGHT UP
JULIE-SU'S
ALLEY.

YOU LEAVE
MY GIRL OUT
OF THIS.

WHY ARE YOU OUT
HERE? IT'S NOT LIKE
YOU TO BE SO
MORBID.

I'M STILL
HURTIN' OVER
TOMMY
AND SIR
CONNERY.

WE DON'T
USUALLY LOSE
SO MANY
SO FAST.

RIGHT, LIKE ALL
MY FOREFATHERS
IN THE BROTHER-
HOOD.*

THEM, TOO, AND
WITH THE RISE IN
THE VILLAIN-COUNT,
THINGS MIGHT
GET EVEN
WORSE.

*WE FOUND OUT THEY
WENT MISSING IN STH # 139.



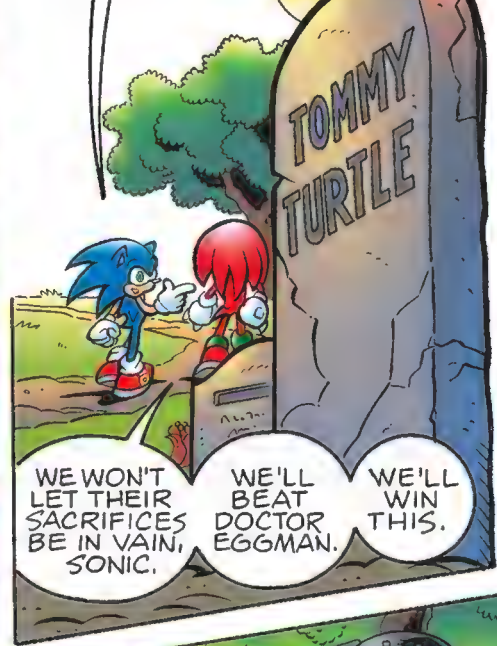
SO WHAT? ARE YOU GOING TO QUIT BECAUSE THINGS ARE ROUGH?

NO, I DON'T WANT FOLKS SAYING I'M AS WEAK AS YOU.

WHO ARE YOU CALLING WEAK, SLOW-POKE?

HA!

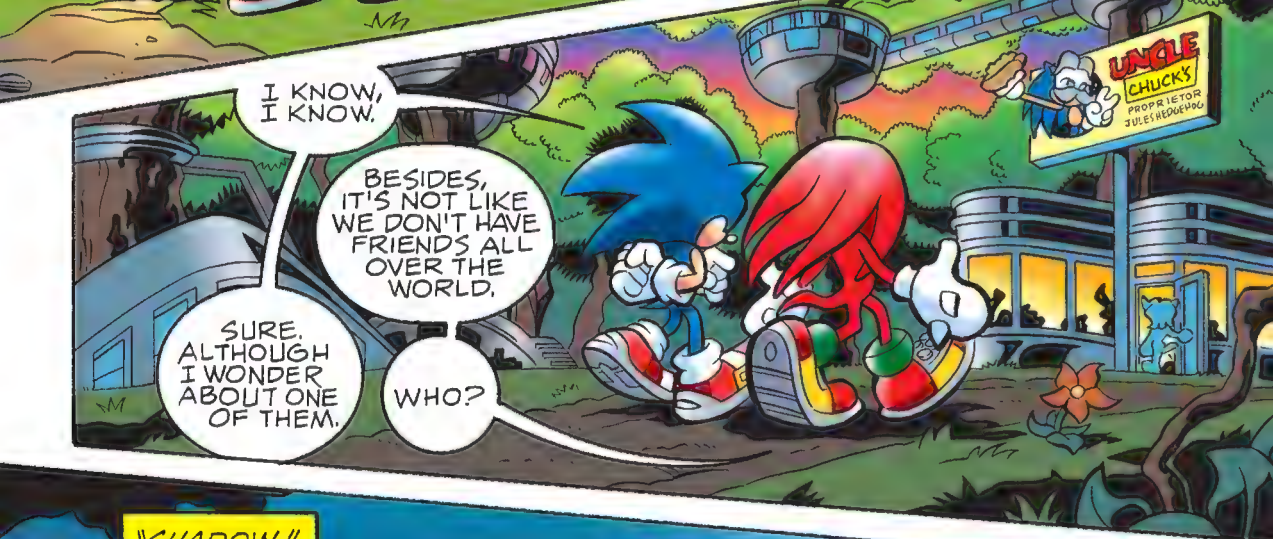
CATCH YA ON THE FLIP SIDE, TOMMY.



WE WON'T LET THEIR SACRIFICES BE IN VAIN, SONIC.

WE'LL BEAT DOCTOR EGGMAN.

WE'LL WIN THIS.



I KNOW, I KNOW.

BESIDES, IT'S NOT LIKE WE DON'T HAVE FRIENDS ALL OVER THE WORLD.

SURE, ALTHOUGH I WONDER ABOUT ONE OF THEM.

WHO?

"SHADOW."



"WHAT ABOUT HIM? HE'S IN NEW MEGAOPOLIS WITH DR. EGGMAN."

"RIGHT, BUT I DON'T THINK HE'S REALLY ONE OF THE BAD GUYS."

"I THINK HE'S
CONFUSED."

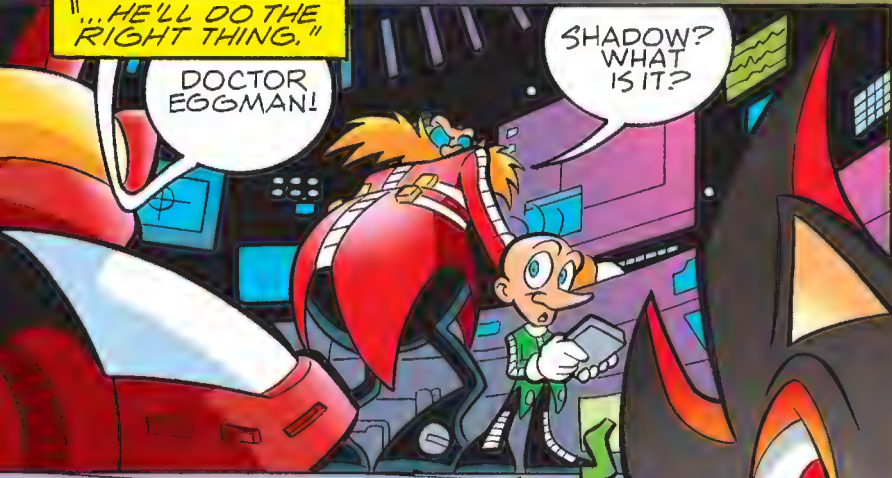


"... AND ONCE HE
GETS THINGS
FIGURED OUT..."

"... HE'LL DO THE
RIGHT THING."

DOCTOR
EGGMAN!

SHADOW?
WHAT
IS IT?



YOU'VE
KEPT
PROFESSOR
GERALD'S
DIARY A
SECRET!
IT HAS THE
ANSWERS I
NEED. YOU
WILL GIVE
IT TO ME.
NOW!



COME BACK TO US
FOR *SONIC THE HEDGEHOG* #171
WHEN SHADOW CAN FINALLY ANSWER
THE QUESTION OF WHO **"I AM!"**

THE WORLD'S MOST WAY PAST COOL COMIC STRIP!

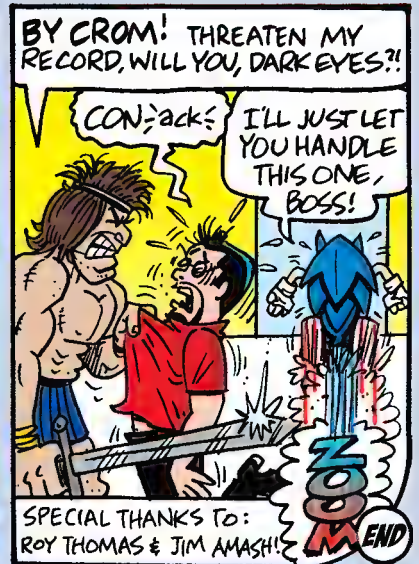
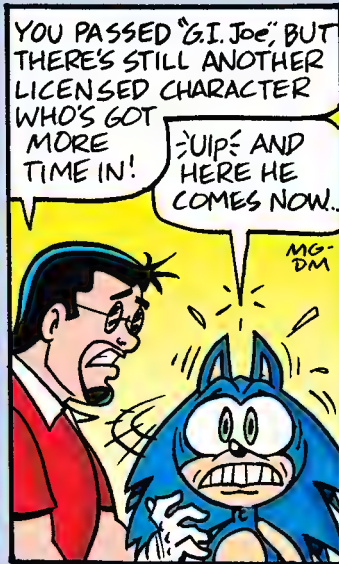
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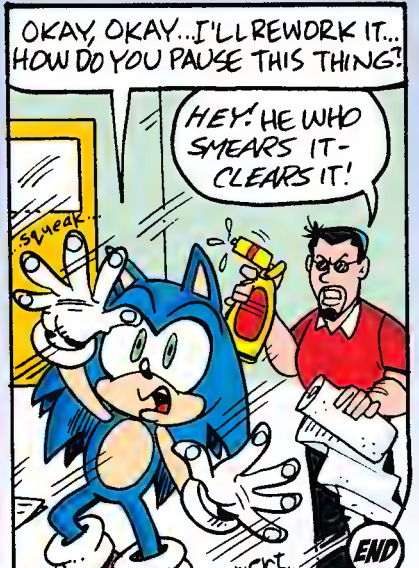
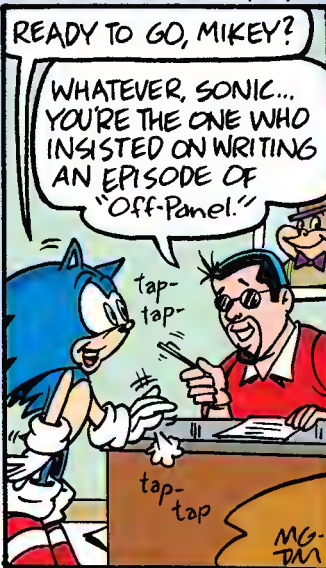
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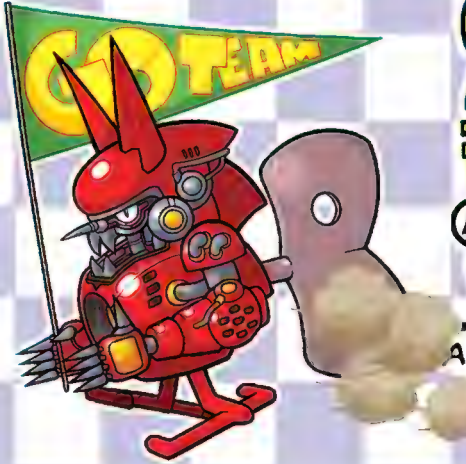
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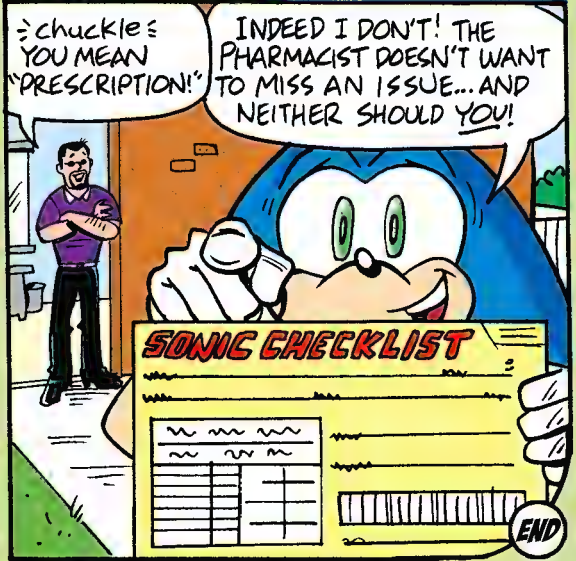
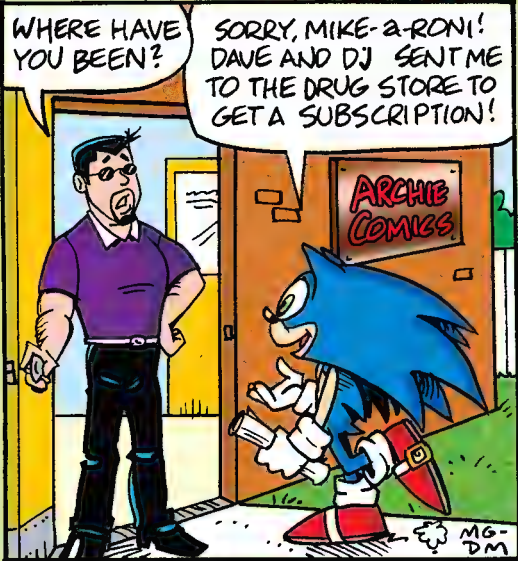
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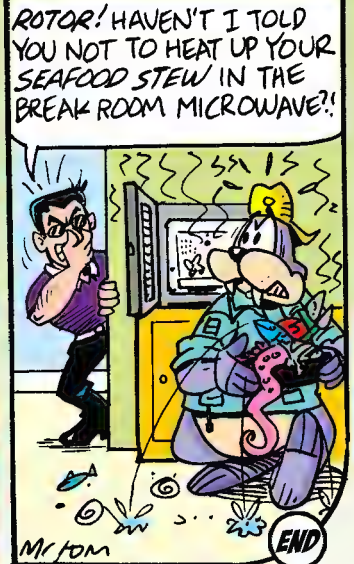
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A BEHIND THE SCENES LOOK AT THE MAKING OF SONIC COMIC BOOKS

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SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG

IN

THE ISLAND OF MISFIT BADNIKS!

THIS IS MY FIRST DAY OFF IN A LONG TIME! I THOUGHT I'D TAKE A TRIP TO THE GREAT FOREST WHERE THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS STARTED OUT!

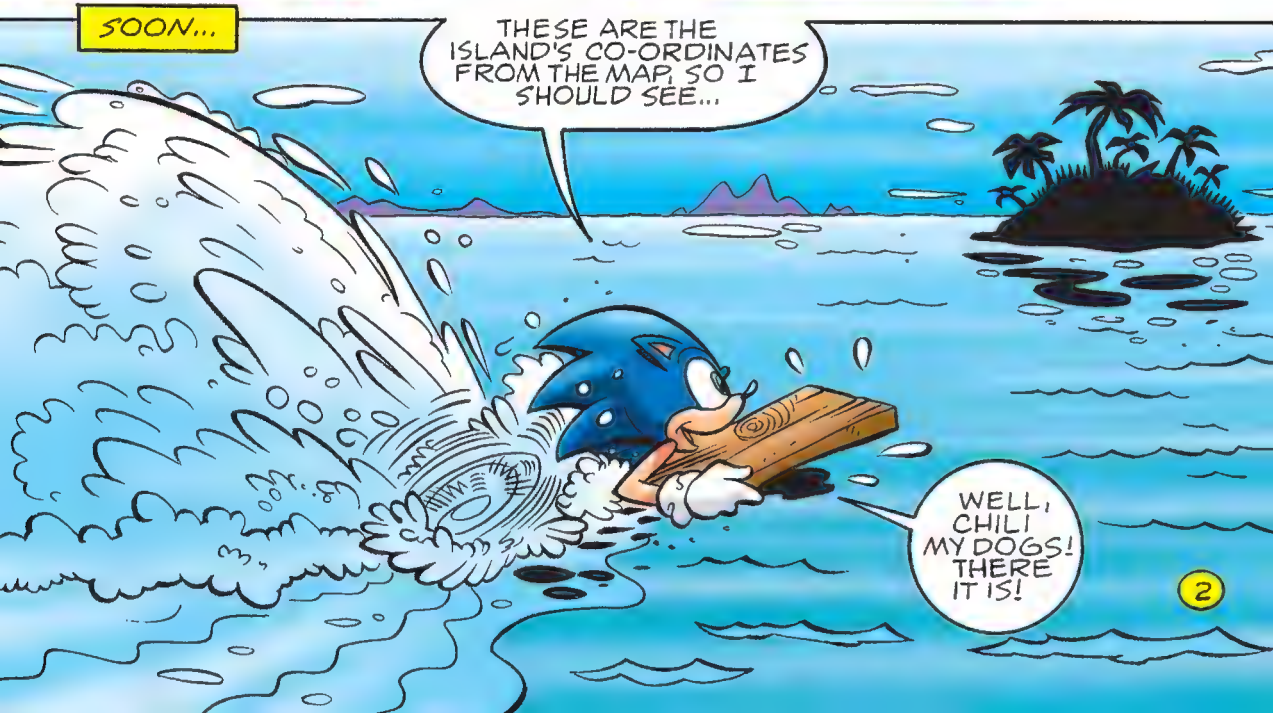
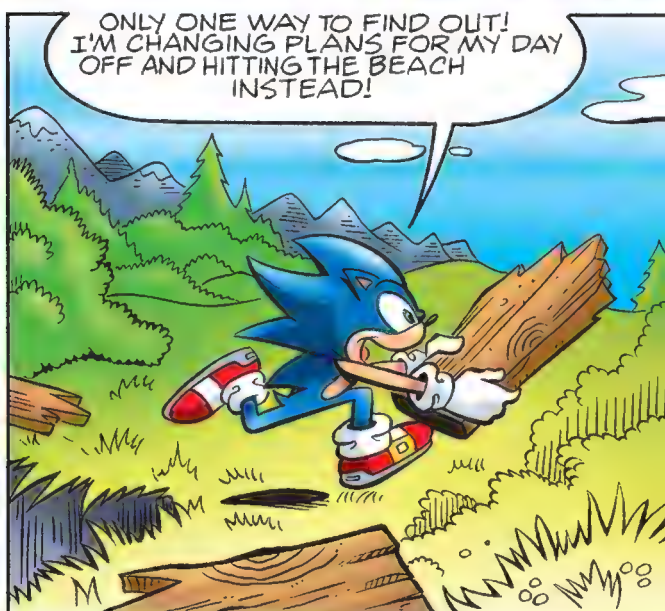
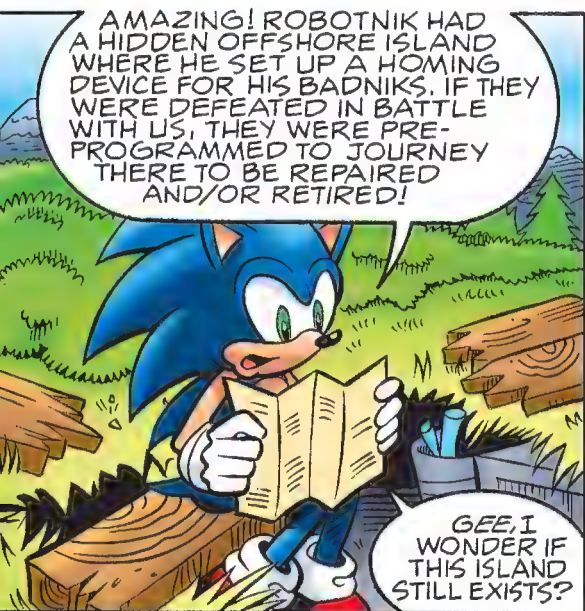
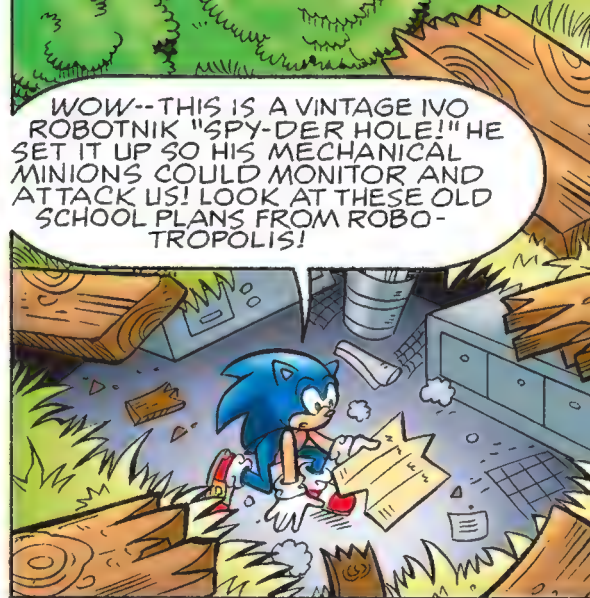
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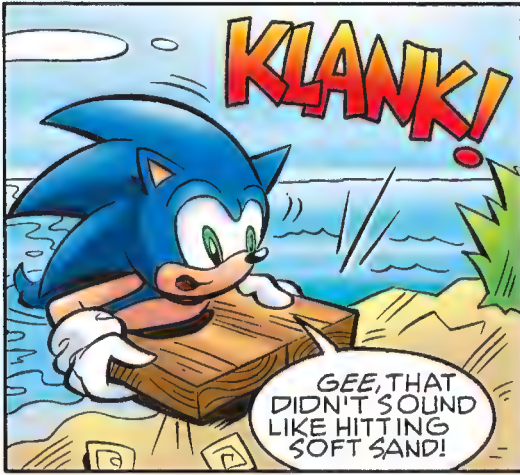
MAN, THIS SURE IS NOSTALG-AAAHH!

KRIK!

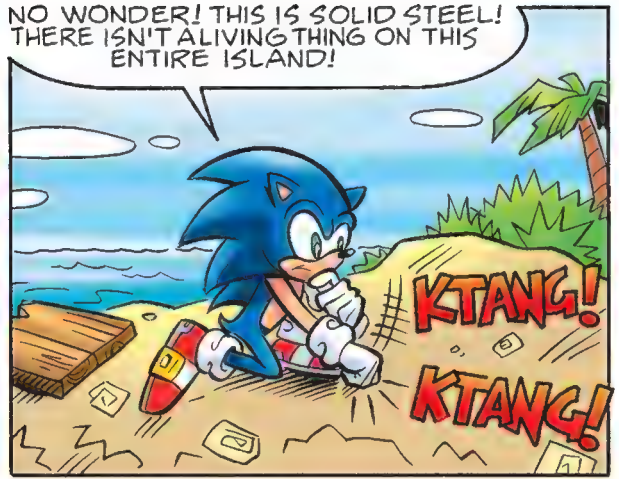
SNAP!

CRACK!





GEE, THAT DIDN'T SOUND LIKE HITTING SOFT SAND!

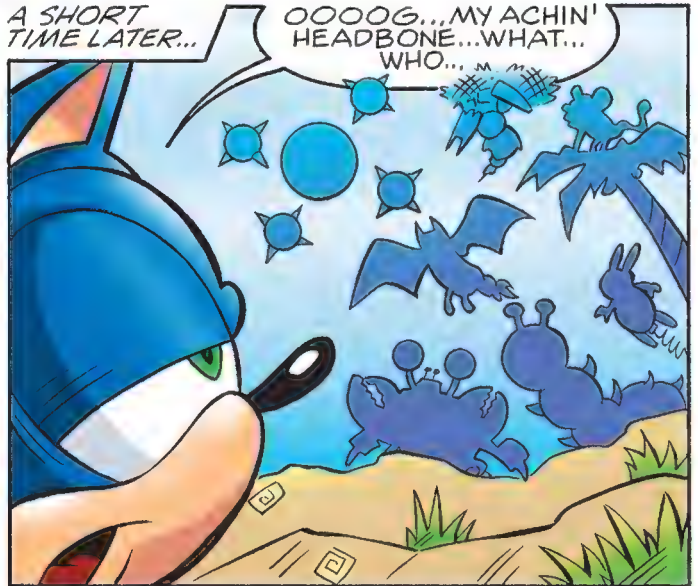


NO WONDER! THIS IS SOLID STEEL! THERE ISN'T ALIVING THING ON THIS ENTIRE ISLAND!



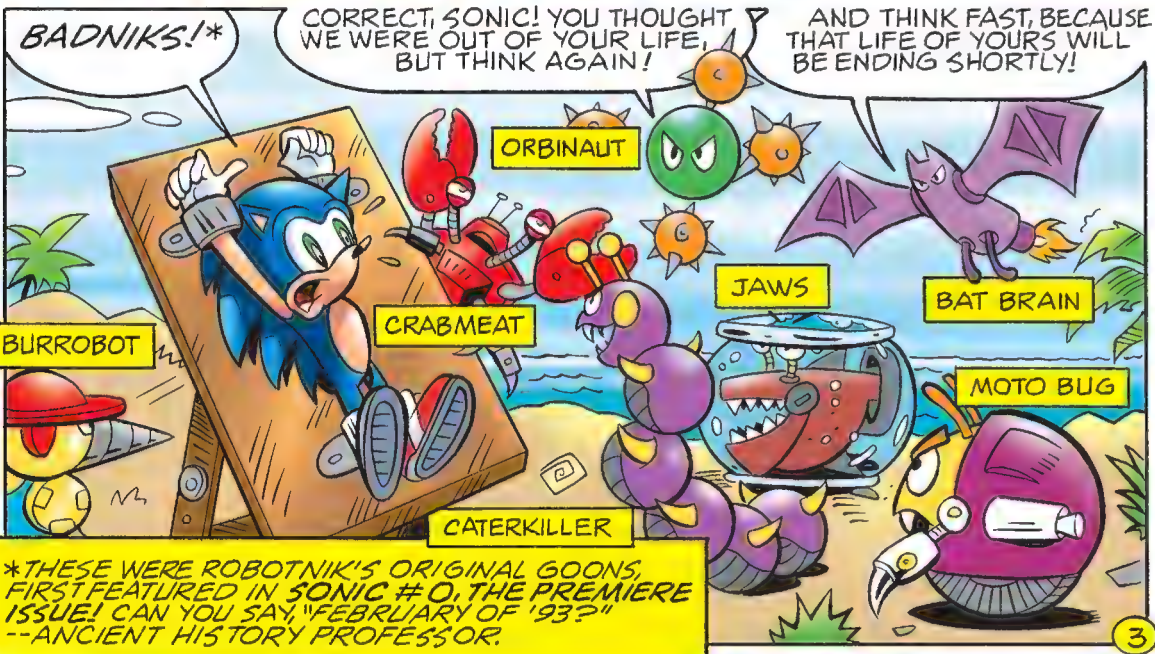
EXCEPT FOR YOU--A PROBLEM WE'LL SOON REMEDY, HEDGEHOG!

UNNGH!



A SHORT TIME LATER...

OOOOOG... MY ACHIN' HEADBONE... WHAT... WHO...



BADNIKS!*

CORRECT, SONIC! YOU THOUGHT WE WERE OUT OF YOUR LIFE, BUT THINK AGAIN!

AND THINK FAST, BECAUSE THAT LIFE OF YOURS WILL BE ENDING SHORTLY!

ORBINAUT

JAWS

BAT BRAIN

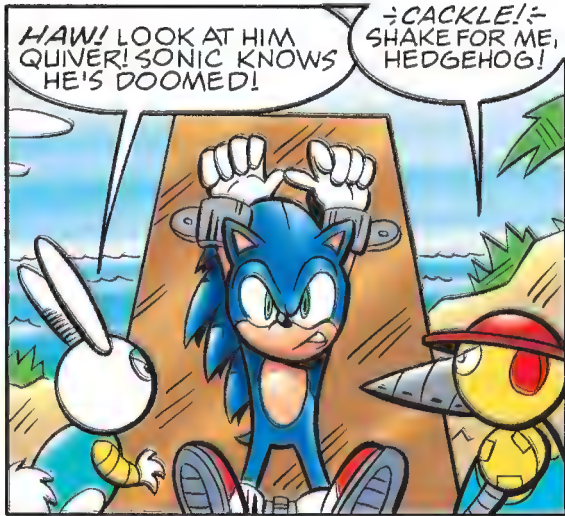
BURROBOT

CRABMEAT

MOTO BUG

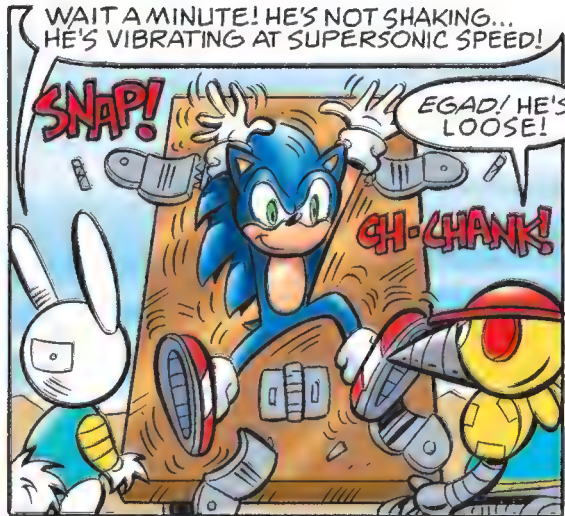
CATERKILLER

*THESE WERE ROBOTNIK'S ORIGINAL GOONS, FIRST FEATURED IN SONIC # 0, THE PREMIERE ISSUE! CAN YOU SAY, "FEBRUARY OF '93?" -- ANCIENT HISTORY PROFESSOR.



HAW! LOOK AT HIM
QUIVER! SONIC KNOWS
HE'S DOOMED!

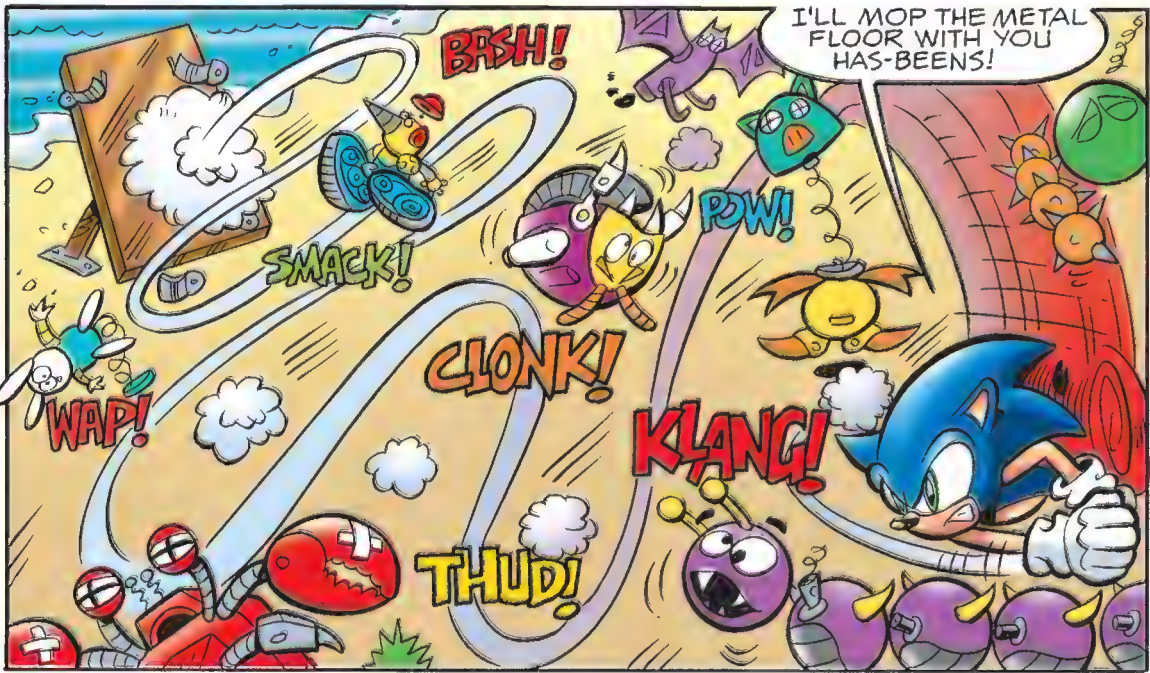
≠CACKLE!≠
SHAKE FOR ME,
HEDGEHOG!



SNAP!

EGAD! HE'S
LOOSE!

CH-CHANK!



I'LL MOP THE METAL
FLOOR WITH YOU
HAS-BEENS!

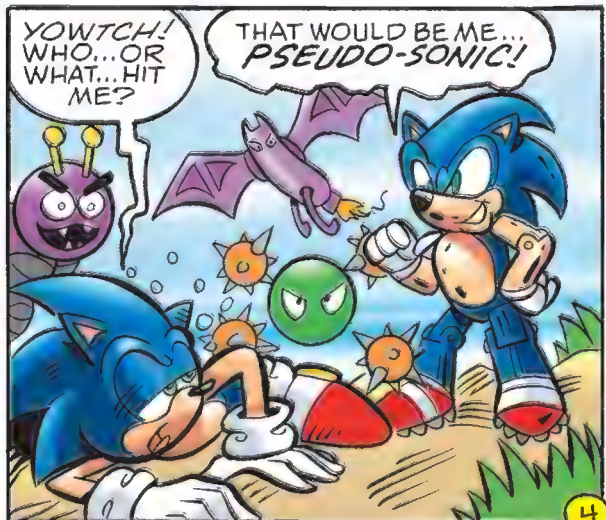


MOP THIS, FREEDOM FIGHTER!

KATHROK!

WHOOUF!

≠SNICKER!≠

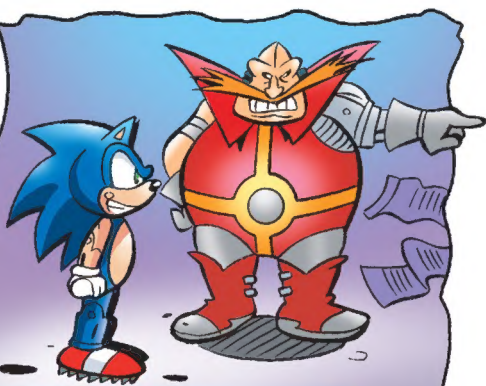


YOWTCH!
WHO...OR
WHAT...HIT
ME?

THAT WOULD BE ME...
PSEUDO-SONIC!

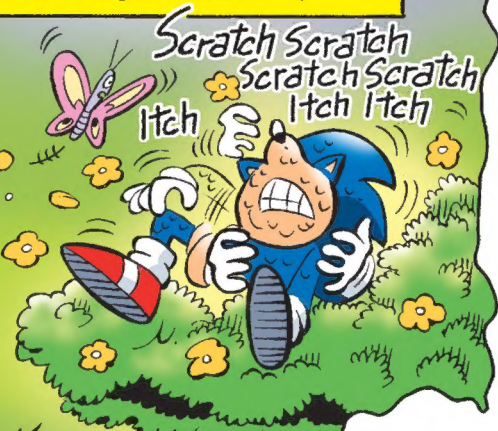


YOU DON'T REMEMBER ME BECAUSE WE NEVER ACTUALLY MET! BUT IN MY DAY, I WAS THE ULTIMATE CREATION OF IVO ROBOTNIK ...THE FIRST MECHANIZED VERSION OF YOU!

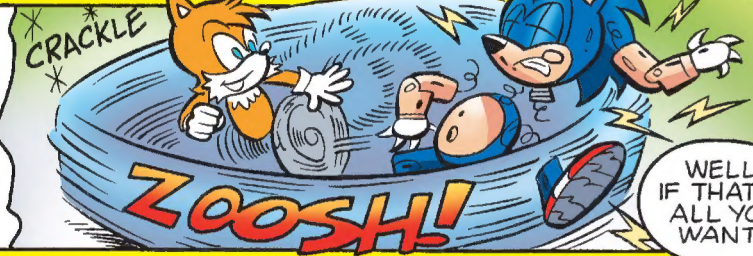


"BACK THEN, ROBOTNIK WAS OBSESSED WITH DISCOVERING THE LOCATION OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS' SECRET HIDE-OUT. I SNUCK INTO KNOT-HOLE, HOPING TO CONFRONT YOU!

"UNFORTUNATELY, YOU WERE ABSENT... DISABLED WITH A BAD DOSE OF POISON SLMAC!



"YOUR APPRENTICE TAILS DISABLED AND DISASSEMBLED ME BY CREATING A FIELD OF STATIC ELECTRICITY. SADLY, I NEVER HAD THE CHANCE TO GO TOE-TO-TOE WITH YOU!"*

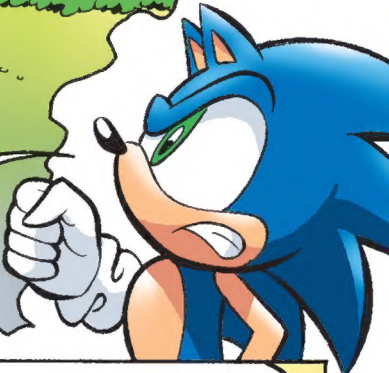


CRACKLE

ZOOOSH!

WELL, IF THAT'S ALL YOU WANT...

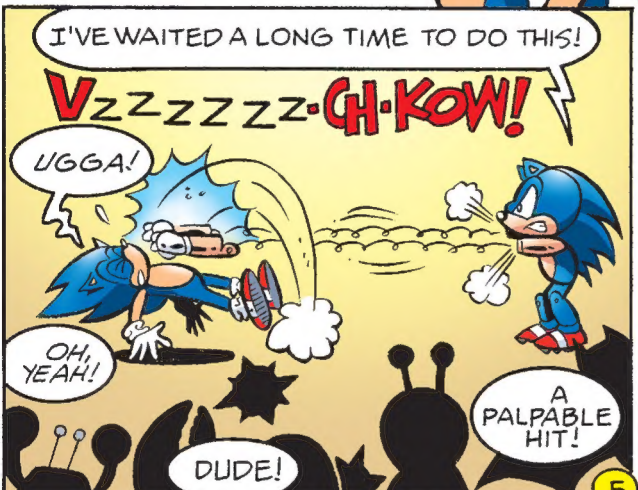
* A BRIEF RECAP OF THE EVENTS IN STH # 9... A MUST-HAVE FOR TRUE BLUE BLUR FANS! --PELLEDORITO!



... I'M HAPPY TO OBLIGE YOU, RETRO-ROBOZO!

TWACK!

Gurkle!



I'VE WAITED A LONG TIME TO DO THIS!

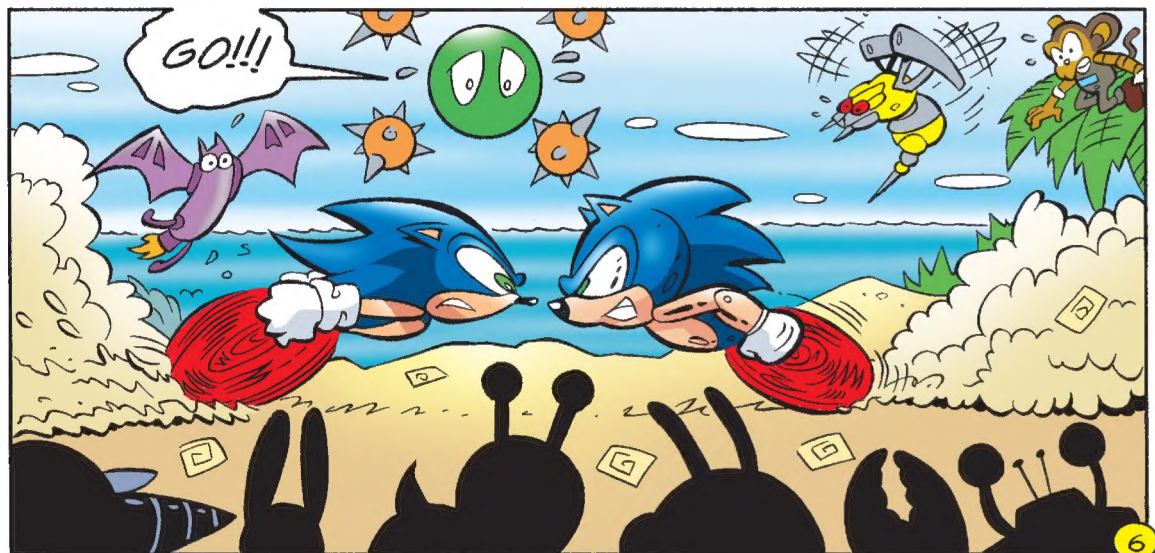
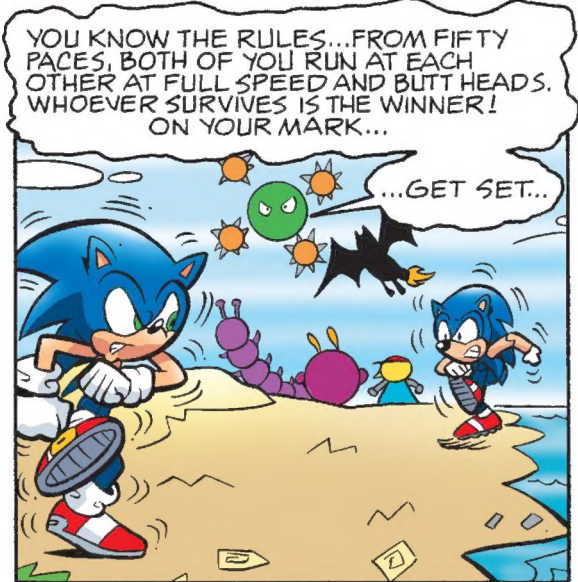
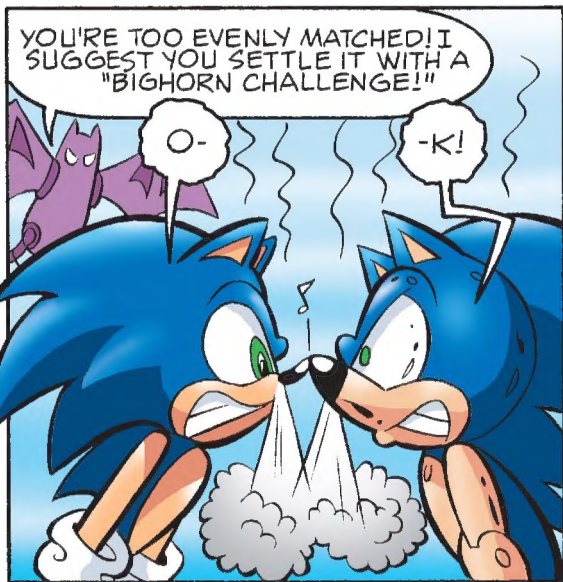
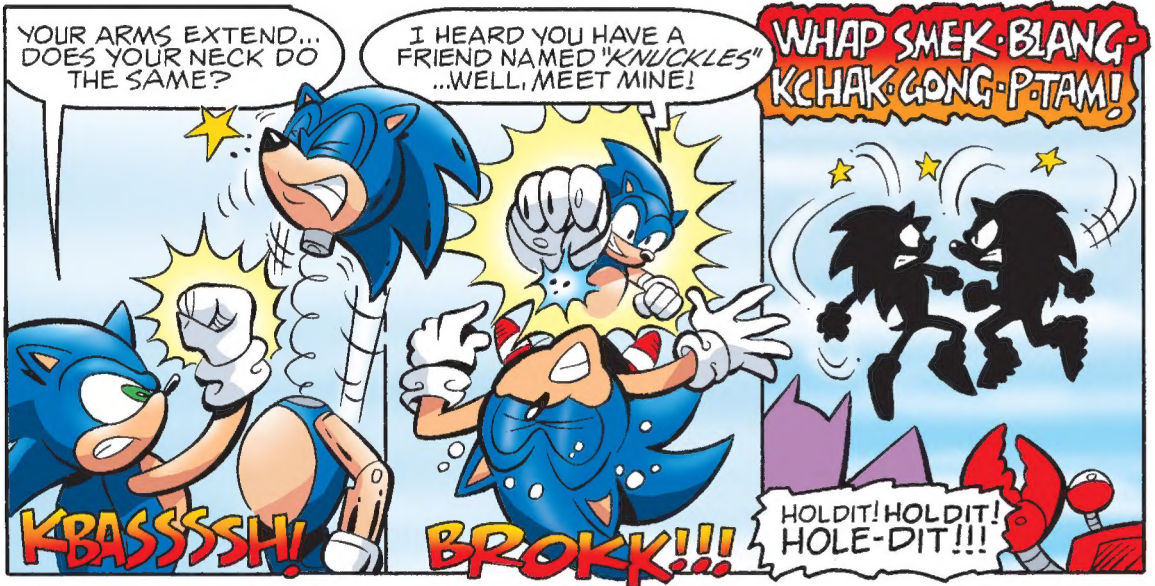
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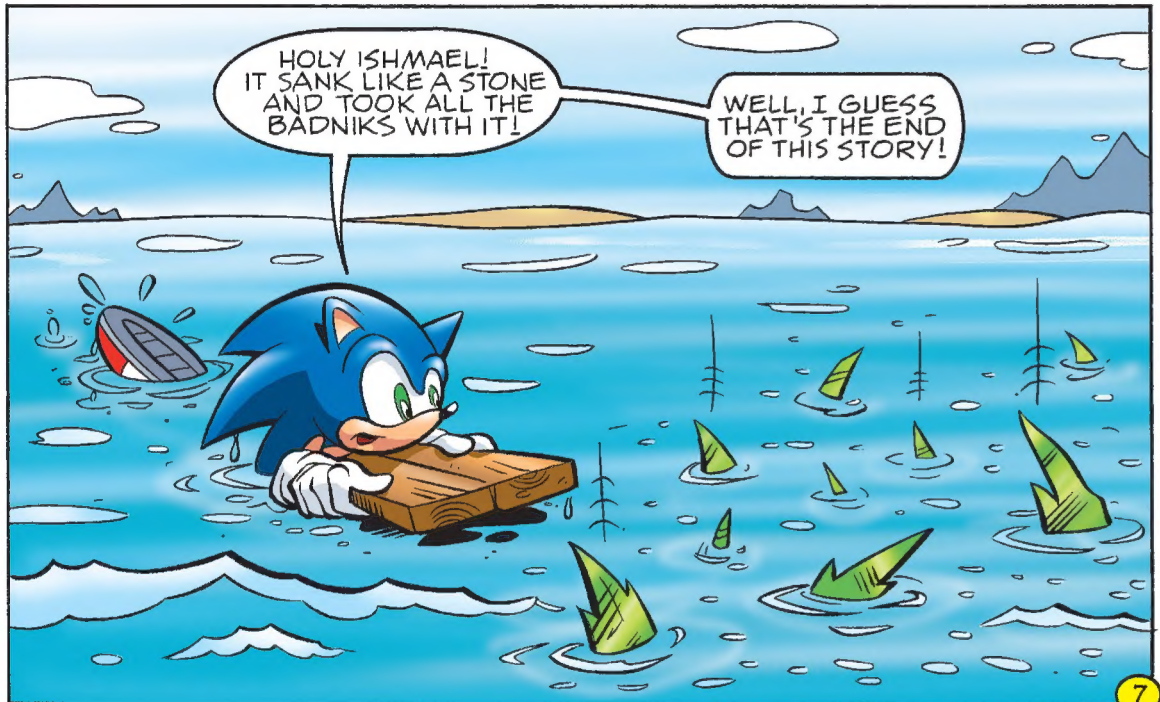
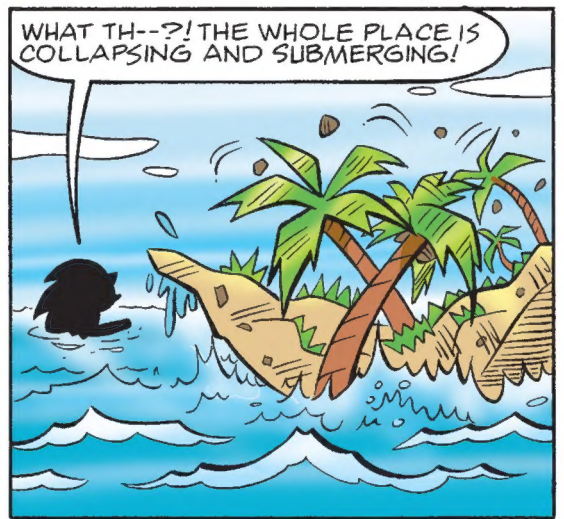
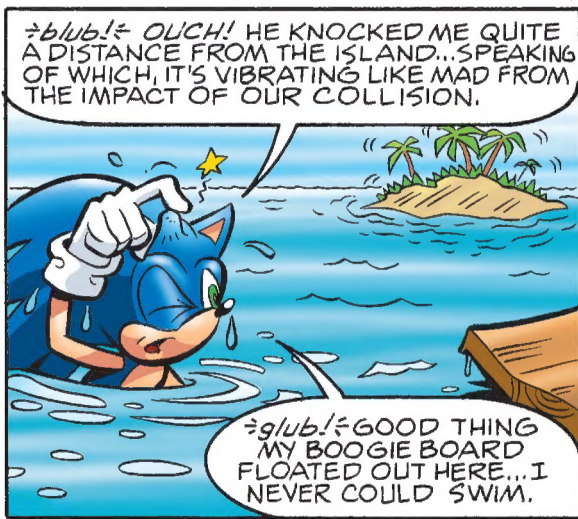
UGGA!

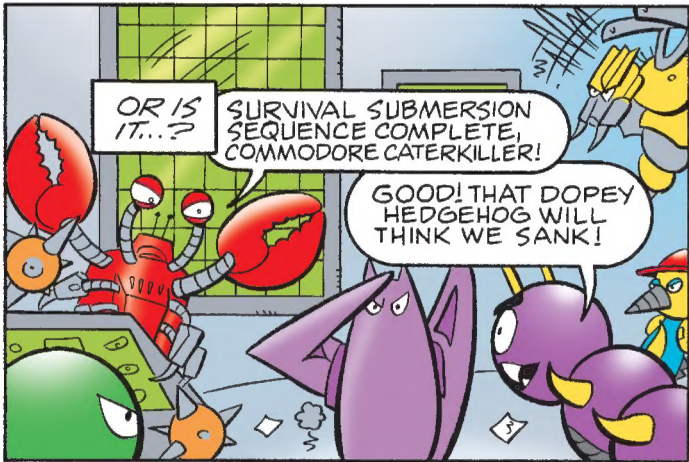
OH, YEAH!

A PALPABLE HIT!

DUDE!



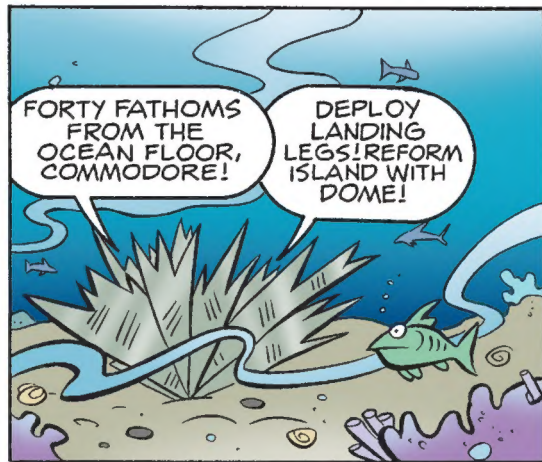




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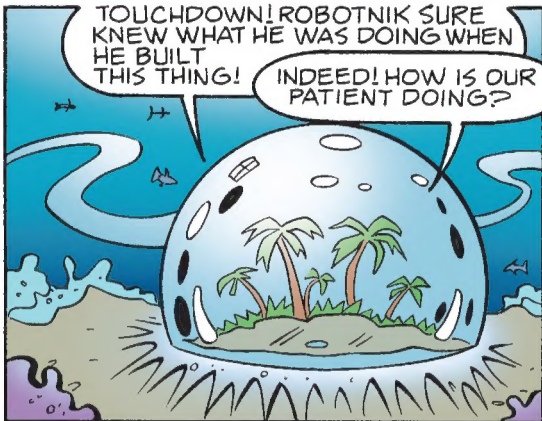
SURVIVAL SUBMERSION SEQUENCE COMPLETE, COMMODORE CATERKILLER!

GOOD! THAT DOPEY HEDGEHOG WILL THINK WE SANK!



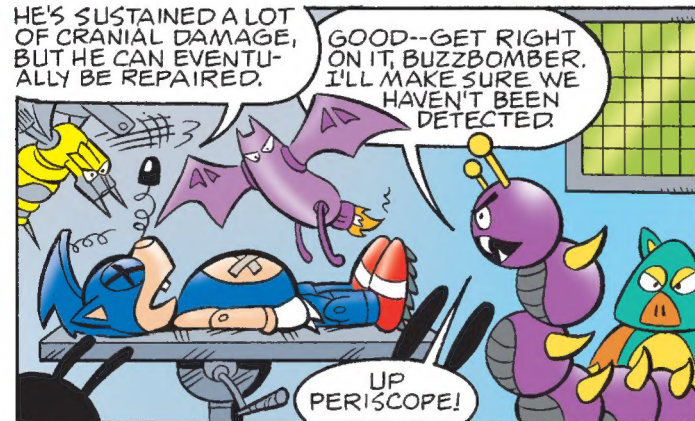
FORTY FATHOMS FROM THE OCEAN FLOOR, COMMODORE!

DEPLOY LANDING LEGS! REFORM ISLAND WITH DOME!



TOUCHDOWN! ROBOTNIK SURE KNEW WHAT HE WAS DOING WHEN HE BUILT THIS THING!

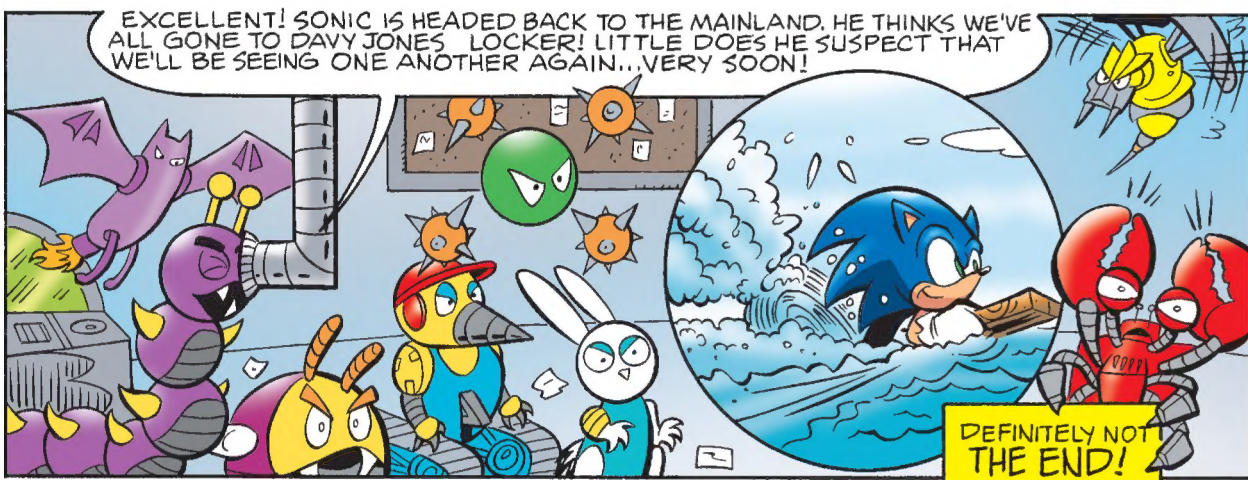
INDEED! HOW IS OUR PATIENT DOING?



HE'S SUSTAINED A LOT OF CRANIAL DAMAGE, BUT HE CAN EVENTUALLY BE REPAIRED.

GOOD--GET RIGHT ON IT, BUZZBOMBER. I'LL MAKE SURE WE HAVEN'T BEEN DETECTED.

UP PERISCOPE!



EXCELLENT! SONIC IS HEADED BACK TO THE MAINLAND. HE THINKS WE'VE ALL GONE TO DAVY JONES' LOCKER! LITTLE DOES HE SUSPECT THAT WE'LL BE SEEING ONE ANOTHER AGAIN...VERY SOON!

DEFINITELY NOT THE END!

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